Capacity Utilization in Ordnance Factory at Jabalpur

*57. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Ordnance Factory at Jabalpur has the capacity to make advanced vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Defence Ministry is utilizing the Maximum capacity of production; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Vehicle Factory at Jabalpur (VFJ) has already started manufacture of new generation of fuel efficient vehicles required by the Army. For this purpose VFJ has entered into technical collaboration with M/s Telco and M/s Ashok Leyland.

(c) and (d) VFJ has been fully meeting the requirement of Army for the above vehicles to the extent ordered. Capacity utilisation is dependent on the extent of Army's requirement and their induction programme.

Sathyam Committee Report of New Textile Policy

*58. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the S.R. Sathyam Committee has submitted a new National Textile Policy;

(b) if so, what are the main features of this report;

(c) whether Government plan to implement it; and

(d) how it would help our textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) to (d) An Expert Committee was Constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S.R. Sathyam to, inter-alia, review the impact of the existing Textile Policy and suggest policy measures for the industry to focus on changes resulting from over-all trade policy reforms. The Committee has since submitted its report. The recommendations of the Committee mostly focus on measures to secure progressive increase in production and exportable surplus, removal of technologi-